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Anson County Board of Commissioners Meet September 10

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10 at 6 p.m.
The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.
To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.
The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit youtube.com and search for Anson Commissioners.

Early Voting for 9th Congressional District Contest Ends Friday, Election Day is Tuesday

GET OUT THERE AND VOTE!!!
Early Voting ends this Friday, September 6 for the upcoming Tuesday, September 10 Special Election to fill the vacancy in North Carolina's 9th congressional district in the United States House of Representatives for the remainder of the 116th United States Congress. Voters will choose between Dan McCreedy, the Democrat Party candidate, Republican Dan Bishop, Libertarian Jeff Scott and Green Party member Allen Smith.
The seat has been vacant since the opening of the 116th Congress, following the refusal of the North Carolina State Board of Elections to certify the results of the November 2018 election in the district due to allegations of electoral fraud.

One Stop Early Voting takes place at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early Voting runs through Friday, September 6. If you don't vote during Early Voting you will need to vote at your regular polling precinct on Election Day, Tuesday, September 10, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be no voting at the Board of Elections Office on Election Day.
Registration to Vote for this election ended on August 18. If you are already registered to vote in Anson County, and your name or address has not changed, you did not need to register to vote again. Voters who did not register by the August 18 deadline may register and vote during One Stop Early Voting only, and will be required to show documentation of their identity and residence in the form of current and valid photo identification, or a copy of one of the following documents that show the name and address of the voter: a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document.
For more information contact Steve Adams, Director of Elections, at 704-994-3223 or sadams@co.anson.nc.us. The Board of Elections Office is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The mailing address is: PO Box 768, Wadesboro NC 28170.

Upcoming dates:
Friday, September 6 One Stop Early Voting ends
Monday, September 9 Pre-election day Absentee Board meeting
Tuesday, September 10 SPECIAL SEPTEMBER GENERAL ELECTION, precincts open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Monday, September 16 County canvass for Special September General Election, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, September 24 Deadline for candidates to request recount

Second Annual Super Powered Comic Con Lands at SPCC Monroe Campus Saturday!

South Piedmont Community College will hold its second annual Super Powered Comic Convention (S P C C) this Saturday, September 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on its Monroe Campus, located at 4209 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe. The telephone number is 704-290-5100.

This event for the community is completely free to the public. It will include more than two dozen local vendors, as well as stations for video gaming, and food trucks for refreshments. There will be plenty of opportunities for photos, including a selfie booth.

Other activities at the second Super Powered Comic Con include a cosplay contest, and auctions for superhero-themed books and posters, as well as panel discussions. One such panel is an onstage debate between SPCC Humanities Department Chair John Muir and Assistant Department Chair Ryan Brown on the subject of Marvel versus DC.
The second annual Super Powered Comic Con promises to be great fun for the entire family, and the superhero and comic book fans in your life! The superheroes in your life can assemble in Union County, on the SPCC campus in Monroe, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday, September 7!

Anson County 12 Step Recovery Groups Schedule Changes

The Anson Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays for an Open Discussion Meeting. They have an Open Speaker Meeting on the first Monday of each month (only) at 8 p.m.
The Anson Al-Anon Family Groups meet at 7 p.m. on Thursdays for an Open Discussion / Topic Meeting.
The We Ain't Saints Group of Chemically Dependent Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Thursdays for an Open Discussion / Topic Meeting.
All meetings are Nnon-smoking and handicap accessible. All meetings are held at the AA Building, located at 2177 Country Club Road in Wadesboro. It is located between Twin Valley Golf Club and Wadesboro Health and Rehabilitation Center.



Proud Parents: Partnership Offers Interactive Playgroup

Join the Anson County Partnership for Children (ACPC) to learn the "how" and "why" of play! Families will enjoy time together during planned activities targeting child development. This program is available for no charge for caregivers who reside in Anson County.
Proud Parents will be offered at two locations in Anson County. On Tuesdays Proud Parents will meet at Abbington Grove Apartments Community Building from 9 to 11:30 a.m., located at 50 Abbington Grove Circle in Wadesboro. On Thursdays the group will meet at HOLLA! from 9 to 11:30 a.m., located at 229 Main Street in Morven.
"Not only is this a fun playtime for families, but caregivers will be provided the opportunity to share powerful experiences and memories with newfound friends and support in this fast-paced, ever-changing world. Support is vital for parents."

Lunch will be provided for those in attendance. Proud Parents will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from September 17 through December 12. Children and parents will attend the sessions together.

Proud Parent is a family support program that combines Circle of Security and Kaleidoscope Play and Learn. These programs combined, present an opportunity to learn about positive parent-child interaction and practice the skills in a safe space. The sessions will help parents understand the importance of play, in addition to building a positive and secure connection with their children. Parents learn not only the "why" of play but also the "how."

Proud Parents applications are available for caregivers who reside in Anson County. Applications are available at the Partnership office, located at 117 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro, and online at www.ansonchildren.org. Proud Parents applications will be due to the Partnership by Wednesday, September 11, 2019. For further information please contact Katie Sewell at (704) 694-4036 or email at katie.sewell@ansonchildren.org.

The Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information, contact the Partnership at 704-694-4036 or visit the Partnership's website at www.ansonchildren.org. This program was made possible by Tim and Betsy McAlister Groves Charitable Fund.



Ansonia Productions, Actors and Production Crew Nominated for 2019 Metrolina Theatre Awards

The Ansonia Theatre has been officially nominated for the 2019 Metrolina Theatre Awards to be held on September 29 in Charlotte. Congratulations to the following nominees and to all those who made the 2018-2019 season at the Ansonia a great success.

- Musical Category**
- Outstanding Production - *Gypsy*
 - Outstanding Actor (Female) - Terra Threatt Medlock (Rose) in *Gypsy*
 - Outstanding Supporting Actor (Male) - Tommy Wooten (Herbie) in *Gypsy*
 - Outstanding Supporting Actor (Female) - Jennifer Boswell (Louise) in *Gypsy & Kimberly Smith (June) in Gypsy*
 - Outstanding Director - Tommy Wooten for *Gypsy*
 - Outstanding Musical Director - Gail Litaker for *Gypsy*
 - Outstanding Choreographer - Terri Stegall Beeson for *Gypsy*
 - Outstanding Set Design - Mike Phillips for *Gypsy*
 - Outstanding Sound Design - Joe Blocker and Donald Perkins for *Gypsy*
 - Outstanding Costume Design - Brittany Price for *Gypsy*
- Outstanding Play**
- Outstanding Production - *Dearly Departed*
 - Outstanding Lead Actor (Male) - Tommy Wooten (Ray-Bud) in *Dearly Departed*
 - Outstanding Lead Actor (Female) - Leslie Capell (Marguerite) in *Dearly Departed*
 - Outstanding Supporting Actor (Male) - Donald Perkins (Royce) in *Dearly Departed*
 - Outstanding Supporting Actor (Female) - Lindsey Melton (Suzanne) in *Dearly Departed*
 - Outstanding Direction - Tommy Wooten for *Dearly Departed*
 - Outstanding Set Design - Mike Phillips for *Dearly Departed*
 - Outstanding Sound Design - Joe Blocker, Paige Mercer & Miraqule Stansberry for *Dearly Departed*
 - Outstanding Costume Design - Brittany Price for *Dearly Departed*
 - Theatre Person of the Year - Tommy Wooten
 - Theatre Company of the Year - Ansonia Theatre

If you are interested in attending the Metrolina Theatre Awards, more information is available at metrolinatheatreassociation.net, or you can email: MTAtreasurer2018@gmail.com or call 704-589-9146.

An exciting new season of plays at the Ansonia are set, and season tickets are available now. Of course you can purchase tickets for each play too. The new season will feature these plays: *Drinking Habits*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *Ghost*.

The Ansonia Theatre is located at 112 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-4950 and the website is ansoniatheatre.com.

Anson County's Unemployment Rate Was 4.8% in July

Anson County's unemployment rate for July was 4.8%, the same as during June. Statewide the unemployment rate was 4.4% in July, again the same as June's rate.
Anson's total labor force in July was 10,556. Of that number 10,047 were employed and 509 were unemployed. In June the total labor force was 10,632 with 10,119 employed and 513 unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in five of North Carolina's counties in July, decreased in 70, and remained unchanged in 25. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.4%, while Buncombe County had the lowest at 3.3%.

Twelve of the state's 15 metro areas experienced rate decreases while three remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount at 6.0 percent had the highest rate and Asheville had the lowest rate at 3.5 percent. The July not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 4.4 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 96 counties, decreased in two, and remained unchanged in two. Fourteen metro areas experienced rate increases over the year and one decreased.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in July by 33,300 to 4,953,588, while those unemployed decreased by 2,405 to 226,720. Since July 2018, the number of workers employed statewide increased 125,372, while those unemployed increased 19,297.

Shop with a Cop Motorcycle Ride is September 21

The Wadesboro Police Department is sponsoring their annual Shop with a Cop Motorcycle Ride this year on Saturday, September 21. This fun event raises money for the Shop with a Cop program that provides Christmas gifts for less fortunate children in Anson County. You are invited to share in the fun while helping make some children happy on Christmas day. Lunch will be served.
Registration begins at 10 a.m. at the Wadesboro Police Department, located at 212 South Rutherford Street. The ride will commence about 11 a.m. The donation is \$20 per motorcycle.

For more information contact Chief Thedis Spencer at 704-475-2695 or Sgt. Cannon at 704-465-8705 or gcannon@wadesboropolice.com.

Foster Parent and Caregiver Support Group Meets September 5

A Foster Parent and Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held this Thursday, September 5 at the Richmond County Department of Social Services, located at 125 Caroline Street in Rockingham, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Resources and refreshments will be provided free.
Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995 or by email at connections-fsp@gmail.com to register.

50+ Club Meeting to Feature Country and Gospel Music

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The Harvard Street Band will be the musical guest. Band members are Robbie Griffin, Don Shell, Jerry Sullivan, Brady Green and Rick Hanson. Everyone is invited to join in for some wonderful country and gospel music.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Grace Senior Center Carnival in the Park

Grace Senior Center is holding an event called Carnival in the Park at Little Park on Friday, September 13. Come out for lunch, fun and games. Best of all...it's Free, Free, Free!
Little Park is located at 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro.

Register by Friday, September 6 by calling Mary Jones at 704-694-6616.

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